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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Smith et al.

Serial No.: 10/775,718

Filed: February 09, 2004

Cust. No.: 33123

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SELF-REFERENCED WAFER STAGE POSITIONAL ERROR MAPPING**

Examiner: Koyama, Kumiko

Art Unit: 2876

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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is a Response to Office Action and Request for Reconsideration. Also enclosed are:
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 Item a
 Item b
2. Fee Calculation
 No additional claim fee is required.
 Amendment increases number of claims

ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE CALCULATION

	Claims After Amendment Less Number Previously Paid For =	Number Extra*	Rate =	Fee
Total Claims	9 - 9 =	0	x \$ 50/25 =	\$.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0	x \$200/100 =	\$.00

* If less than zero, enter "0".

Additional Claim Fee \$.00

3. Applicant is a small entity.
4. Applicant hereby petitions for an Extension of Time of one (1) month, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a). Fee required \$ \$120.00
5. Other fees due: Specify: \$.00
6. Payment of Fees
 A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed.
 Charge Deposit Account No. 50-1213 in the amount of \$. A duplicate of this sheet is attached.
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Account No. 50-1213, referencing Docket No. 38203-6082B. A duplicate of this sheet is attached.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant requests entry of this response and reconsideration of the application. Applicant notes that the deadline for filing a response to the Office Action has been extended by the enclosed Petition for Extension of the Office Action until September 17, 2006.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this document.